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'Celebrating People in Action' with strength of Volunteerism high at Fort Hunter Liggett

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FORT HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif. – Fort Hunter Liggett celebrated "People in Action" for National Volunteer Week (April 10-16) by having a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony April 14 to show appreciation to Volunteers who have donated their time and service to make life better in the Fort Hunter Liggett Community.

Expressing his heartfelt appreciation, Col. James Suriano, the Fort Hunter Liggett Garrison Commander, stated that what the volunteers have "accomplished and contributed to the community is what makes Fort Hunter Liggett live. You are the people that make things happen" turning Fort Hunter Liggett from just an installation into a community.

The volunteers that were being highlighted this quarter were: Medie Bautista, Sandra Kennedy, Peter Kennedy, Christina Hamelin, Victoria Armenta, Valencia Smith, Heidi Perry, Suzanne Troupe, Carla Strickland, Mary Stringfield, Carrie De Los Santos, Robie Schweers, Samantha Usrey, Sgt. 1st Class Juanito Bautista, Sr., Capt. Michael Sheely, and Earlene Moss who was also selected as the Volunteer of the Quarter for her excellent and continued service.

"Volunteering has given me a reason to get up in the morning," stated Earlene Moss, selected as Volunteer of the Quarter by the Army Community Service. "It has given me hope that a job is in my future. Since my last full time position was four plus years ago, volunteering has enabled me to dust off my skills and refine them. Volunteering is allowing me to learn new skills and is stretching my knowledge in new ways. Volunteering has motivated me to step up to the plate again and be all that I can be personally, physically and mentally. I love being a volunteer during this season in my life and will look back on it with joy and satisfaction. It is satisfying to know that volunteering is not all about me...but that I am doing things in the office that they do not have time to do and I do. Therefore, it relieves some of the pressure to see these things get accomplished. I am here to help anyway I can, therefore, being a volunteer frees me up to work outside the position description and accept any job that is asked of me."

There are many benefits to the volunteers and the Army with the creation of this program:

- For the Volunteer they gain new skills and work experience, build their resume, contribute to the community, share expertise, meet new people and are challenged.

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- For the Fort Hunter Liggett community, it is possible for the organization to develop new programs, sustain programs, and further enrich the quality of life for Soldiers, Family members and Civilians

Fort Hunter Liggett has 30 active volunteers since the inception of Army Community Service on post in September 2010 with a total of 808 hours contributed to the Fort Hunter Liggett Community by our volunteers. The dollar value of each volunteer hour is \$23.42 for California which translates into \$18,923.36.

For more information about the ceremony or the Volunteer Program, please call (831) 386-2386. The Army Community Service staff is ready and willing to help you!

Fort Hunter Liggett provides base operations support at two installations enabling world-class Combat Support and Combat Service Support training, while providing for the well-being and security of Soldiers, family members and civilians on post. Fort Hunter Liggett is the largest Army Reserve installation and the eighth largest Army installation in the Nation. With more than 161,000 acres of unencroached mountains, valleys, rivers, plains and forests it provides ideal maneuver areas for today's training requirements. Please visit our website for information on our organization, visit www.liggett.army.mil.

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